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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Amendment in response to Office Action mailed October 18, 2005; and
2. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 202846/2112. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 18, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.